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Notice of Allowability

Application No.
08/870,386

Applicant(s)
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Examiner
Anand Rao

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed as Paper 15 on 7/14/00

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-24

☐ The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☒ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. 5.

☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.

☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 14

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

ANDY RAO
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Art Unit: 2713

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter


1. As per the Applicant's instructions filed in Paper 15 on 7/14/00, claim 24 has been added.
2. Claims 1-24 as filed in Paper 15 filed on 7/14/00 are allowed.

Independent claims 1, 8, 18, 23 and 24 recite the novel limitation of identifying a current frame as a key frame if the chromatic (first) difference measure exceeds a (first) chromatic threshold and a (second) structure difference measure exceeds a (second) structural threshold, otherwise selecting a new current frame and repeating the identifying step until a key frame is identified, as in claims 1, 8, 18, 23, and 24, which is not shown nor obvious from the art of record. Dependent claims 2-7, 9-17, 19-22 are allowed for the reasons concerning the independent claims.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anand S. Rao whose telephone number is (703)-305-4813.

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August 17, 2000

ANDY RAO
PRIMARY EXAMINER


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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
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EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)
AR	Hampapur, Jain and Weymouth, "Production Model Based Digital Video Segmentation", Multimedia Tools and Applications, 1, 9-46 (1995)

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EXAMINER	A. Rao	DATE CONSIDERED	8/16/00
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